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Donations Gratefully Accepted

The Ice Machine Cometh - with AC Included

Our building next to the structure that burned to the ground on May 9, 2016 is repaired; however, the air conditioner on the roof was damaged beyond repair as was the ice machine. The estimate for that replacement was over \$15,000. We were unable to pay that money, and the pantry workers and clients have had to work/stand in the heat both inside and outside of the building since July 2017. The heat was so great in the building that our walk in cooler and walk in freezer struggled and had to be repaired a number of times.

I got a call from Larry's Air Conditioning in September. They told me that they had removed an air

conditioner and ice machine from a McDonald's in Clewiston that was going to be installed on the roof of the McDonald's in Belle Glade, and that the owner was looking for somewhere to donate the Belle Glade air conditioner - and also an ice machine. The air conditioner was a ton larger than what we had and the ice machine could make up to 1000 pounds of ice, four times as much as the one we had before. Larry's AC told him about the pantry, and he donated both pieces of equipment. All we would have to do is pay for the installation, which would cost \$5800. Well, we did not have the money; however, we sent out a blast to churches in the area that partner with us, and three churches - Plantation Community Church in Plantation, FL, Memorial Presbyterian Church in West Palm Beach, and Trinity Church International in Lake Worth - collectively donated the entire amount needed to get this job done.

Now, permits are in process, the crane operator is hired, and date is ready to be set for before the end of this year. God is Awesome!!

Pantry Food Statistics January-November 2017

**Duplicated # of People
Served: 31,200**

**Weight of Food Picked Up and
Distributed:
1.1 Million Pounds
(550 Tons)**

**Total Bags Distributed:
124,800 Bags**

**DESPERATE NEED!
Refrigerated Box Truck - 18'+ - Lift Gate**



Glades Area Pantries - What GAP Offers to the Glades Communities



Glades Area Pantries serves the communities of Canal Point, Belle Glade, Indiantown, South Bay, Pahokee, and Clewiston in different programs. There are no requirements to receive food, clothing, appliances, furniture and household goods at no cost; clients only needed to come in and say they are in need. The thrift store monies collected are used to rent trucks to pick up donations. Food is picked up from Winn Dixie in both Royal Palm Beach and Belle Glade three times a week, and bread and sweets are picked up from Publix stores (5 stores) four days a week. In addition, GAP receives a delivery from Feeding South Florida and Palm Beach County Food Bank once a week and from Cheney Brothers (with a grant from Glades Initiative) once a month.

Within the Glades Area Pantries, the following ministries are available:

- Food pantry (free)
- Clothing Pantry (free)
- Furniture, Appliances, Household Goods Pantry (free)
- Thrift Store (minimal cost to cover transportation to pick up items)
- Broadway Program (Free distribution of nutritional supplements, such as Ensure, to those with debilitating diseases and conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS, who provide a doctor's prescription)

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ "When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ "When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25: 35-40 NIV

Pending Grants: Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS - For Ensure
Goody Two Shoes - For Operating Expenses (electric, water, fuel)

A special GAP thanks to Quantum Foundation for grant award.

FTI Great Charity Challenge

The GCC is a relay style equestrian jumping competition with teams consisting of two junior/amateur riders combined with one Olympic or world-class rider. The 34 rider teams are randomly paired with 37 charities that serve Palm Beach County.

100% of all proceeds go straight to benefit charities. The winning team of riders will be awarded \$150,000 for its charity. Every charity selected will win a guaranteed minimum of \$15,000. In addition to the selected 34 teams, we hold random

drawings and award grants to deserving charities who applied to participate in that year's Great Charity Challenge.

Church of the Harvest's Glades Area Pantries has applied for this charity challenge for the last three years but not chosen as one of the 34 charities as of yet. The first drawing on December 3 yielded the first 24 agencies. Church of the Harvest was not one of the 24; however, there are two more drawings and some random grants.

We are hoping this is the year!!

